

was not vote either for or against the bill, not even very crazy about it, Senator Merz, to tell you the truth. I'll be willing to help you out and I'll yield to you at this time so you can make some remarks about the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, I did yield to Senator Merz.

PRESIDENT: I'm sorry. Thank you. Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: From all indications and everybody I talked to they thought this was a great amendment and now I'm kind of confused why we drop it right in the middle of the puddle. I really am kind of embarrassed you might say, but just because you don't like the bill, is no sign that you can't say the amendment is no good. I think you should reconsider this even if we don't get the bill through this year, this amendment would go on record onto a new bill maybe that would be more likeable. I know we don't want to take up your time, so I hope you reconsider.

PRESIDENT: Now Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The Senator Merz amendment to LB 220 that would solve the problem of funding for this very important endeavor of anti-litter makes as much clear clean-cut sense as I've seen so far regarding LB 220. You're all aware of the constant attack on LB 220 that it's unworkable, that it's cumbersome, that it may cost as much to administer the taxing procedures in the bill as the taxes would raise and I believe those criticisms are fair. When we get an opportunity now under Senator Merz leadership to make a straightforward identifiable tax with "not two cents worth of administrative function" in raising the money by having the 50¢ fee collected at the time automobiles are registered, you've got something that you can see, defend, and talk about. Even for those who don't like 220, you have something new now that you can scream about and that be the case, let's talk. But this is important if we're going to have anti-litter legislation, we should fund it and we should fund it through this mechanism as one of the big cries constantly on litter is that it's always along the roadside. The 50¢ fee as it would affect registration of automobiles is the obvious place to raise the money to support the intent of LB 220. Please support his amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Merz, when the bill was...you don't have to respond at this point, but the bill was Senator Schmit's I tried to leave it alone as long as I could and now it's becoming yours and I've tried to leave it alone as long as I could. But a 50¢ tax on the privilege of driving an automobile is a tax that affects a lot of people and we've heard when we have various matters that we want to call to the Legislature's attention the statement that taxation without representation is tyranny. A tax of this nature should have the opportunity or we should give the citizens the opportunity to express how they feel at a public hearing. I know 220 has had a tortured existence, so I'm not even talking about 220 now. I don't think it's a very good bill, but I